

Using the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven...

Sing 1 or 2 songs or hymns, or read a selection of Bible verses.

Hallowed be your name...

- Give thanks for who God is and what He gives us.
- Invite sharing of testimony to God's faithfulness.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- Pray for God's love to direct all of our relationships and conversations where we live and work so that many will encounter Jesus.
- Ask for our homes and churches to become places where more people of all ages discover God's love and mercy.

Give us today our daily bread.

- Pray for those who are vulnerable in the parish/ community to be reached by God's love.
- Ask for God's provision for all those working to bring in His kingdom in the parish/community.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

- Invite confession for the times when we have not reached out with love; when our hearts have been fearful.

- Ask for new boldness to talk about the difference Jesus has made in our lives.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

- Pray for some of the needs of the parish/ community.
- Ask God to show you 5 people to pray for so they may encounter Jesus.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

- Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on His church this Pentecost season.
- Pray that many people will discover the truth about Jesus across our nation.
- Pray for God's blessing on each other, and on every church and every household in your parish/ community:

May the Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

There are many more ideas and resources available at
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

We'll be happy to help if you get stuck. Just email the office
admin@springfieldchurch.org.uk



THY KINGDOM COME

I've been struck recently how most of us value prayer, but can often struggle to prioritise it.

This Wednesday 16th May, as we join in with the global wave of prayer that is 'Thy Kingdom Come', I want to encourage you, whatever else you do that day - prioritise praying.

- Pray for yourself
- Pray for your friends & family, colleagues, and strangers.
- Pray for Springfield to be a beacon of hope in our community
- Pray for our country and our world,
- And pray, as Jesus taught us, for God's Kingdom to come.

Below are some ideas to help you pray. Some will work for you, and some won't - that's ok! What's important is that you pray.

And remember that prayer is a conversation between our Father God who loves us, whom we can approach with boldness because of the blood of Jesus, and us - His adopted sons and daughters. Take time to listen and rest in His presence.

Praying for our nation

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-3

In every country there are things to thank God for and things to ask for His help with. Look through a recent newspaper and cut out words that describe good and bad things about our nation. Stick them to a piece of paper and look at the image they create. Thank God for the good things you read. Ask for His help with the bad.

Using a map or a google maps on a computer or mobile device, look around you at the different parts of your country. Ask the Holy Spirit to move in our nation and speak out His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self- control. Ask God to give national leaders wisdom.

The sorry bin

Gather a rubbish bin (or paper shredder), paper and pens, and invite people to reflect on and pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

As areas of sin are revealed to us in our own lives, write them down and ask the Lord for forgiveness. As a symbol of His grace and forgiveness finish by throwing the paper into the bin or shredding it.

Praying walking

Prayer walking is as simple as it sounds - praying as you walk. When we prayer walk we are stepping into our authority as God's children to bless people and places in Jesus' name. This simple task is a great way to bring transformation to your local community by asking God to break in.

The core of prayer walking is conversing with God; ask Him to show you what He sees; to know His heart for our community.

Here's some tips to get you going:

- Start and end together
 - Try going in pairs/threes
 - Choose whether (or not!) to plan your route
 - Use your natural and supernatural senses
 - Choose whether (or not!) to pray out loud
 - Pray 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done' everywhere you go
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Praying for friends and family

Think of five people (friends, family or neighbours) you want to come to know Jesus.

Post-it Notes

Use five post-it notes and write one name onto each. Stick them onto your mirror, above your bed or somewhere that you'll see them regularly and will be reminded to pray.

Pray with scrabble letters

Use Scrabble letters to create a name puzzle of the people you want to pray for. As each name is formed, pray 'Lord Jesus, we pray that ... may come to know you. Amen.'

Pray with lego

On the side of a piece of Lego, write the name of someone you want to pray for. Each time you pray for that person, put another piece of Lego on top of the name to create a prayer tower.

Paper chain prayer

Cut out several strips of coloured paper. On each strip, write the name of someone to pray for. Either tape or staple the strips together to form a chain. Each time you pray for the person, put a tick beside the name.